

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III

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Dr. Karen Hacker, M.D., M.P.H., Director Allegheny County Health Department 301 39<sup>th</sup> Street, Building #7 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

Dear Dr. Hacker:

By letter and enclosures dated July 1, 2016, the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) an annual ambient air monitoring network plan in accordance with the regulatory requirements of 40 CFR Part 58 - Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. Based on our review, EPA Region III approves ACHD's July 1, 2016 annual ambient air monitoring network plan on the basis that the plan meets the requirements of 40 CFR Part 58.10.

Additionally, 40 CFR Section 58.11(c) requires any changes to the air monitoring network or design of the following air monitoring systems be approved by the EPA Administrator:

- a) Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Systems (PAMS)
- b) Particulate Matter Speciation Trends Network (STN)
- c) The National Core Monitoring Network (NCore)

EPA determined that ACHD's July 1, 2016 annual ambient air monitoring network plan does not require approval from the EPA Administrator because there were no changes to any of the air monitoring systems listed above.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Ms. Kinshasa Brown-Perry, EPA's Pennsylvania Liaison, at 215-814-5405. For questions regarding this approval action, your staff may contact Ms. Cristina Fernandez, Director, Air Protection Division, at 215-814-2178.

Sincerely,

Shawn M. Garvin

Regional Administrator